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Letter dated 26 October 2011 from the Permanent Representative of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to refer to a communiqué of the Government of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela in which it condemns in the strongest possible terms the barbaric policies pursued by the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and its allies in Libya (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would arrange for this letter to be circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under item 69 (a) of the agenda.

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Communiqué from the Ministry of People's Power for Foreign Affairs of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela

21 October 2011

The Government of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela condemns in the strongest possible terms the barbaric policies pursued by the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) and its allies in Libya, which have plunged this sister nation into war and subverted, by force, the institutional order of that country.

The crime committed on 20 October 2011 against the Libyan leader, Muammar al-Qadhafi, is emblematic of the crimes perpetrated against the Libyan people by the colonial powers over the past few months and shows that a violent policy of regime change has been conducted in this African nation, in violation of the most basic principles of international law.

The unilateral and illegal military aggression of NATO against a country which did not carry out a single act of war sets an unfortunate precedent which could be used at the convenience of the empire against any nation of the South that gets in the way of its policy of domination.

Venezuela reaffirms its unwavering commitment to peace and reiterates its condemnation of the culture of death imposed by the Western elites which nowadays are burning the world in order to appropriate the sovereign wealth and resources of the peoples.